

1 **Supplemental Materials**

2 **Accumulation in visceral adipose tissue over six years is associated with lower paraspinal muscle density**

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18 **Supplemental Table 1.** Characteristics for all women participants stratified by menopausal status

	Pre-menopausal Women (N=357)	Post-menopausal Women (N=153)
Age (years) at baseline, mean(SD)	44.5(4.2)	52.5(5.5)
BMI at baseline, mean(SD)	26.3(5.9)	27.4(5.5)
Obesity (BMI \geq 30) at baseline, N (%)	94(26)	59(39)
Height (cm), at baseline	164.5(6.3)	163.5(6.7)
Physical Activity Index at baseline, mean(SD)	36.2(5.8)	36.8(7.4)
Weight (kg) at baseline, mean(SD)	71.2(16.3)	73.6(16.4)
Diabetes status at baseline, N (%)	5(1)	6(4)
Estrogenic at baseline, N (%)	357(100)	54(35)
Estrogen Replacement Therapy at baseline, N (%)	2(1)	54(35)
Underwent menopausal transition, N (%)	178(50)	NA
Adiponectin (ng/mL) at baseline, mean(SD)*	11.4(5.8)	11.6(5.9)
Interleukin-6 (pg/mL) at baseline, mean (SD)*	1.8(1.8)	2.7(8.3)
VAT (cm ³) at baseline, mean(SD)	1060.5(688.5)	1385.1(781.5)
VAT (cm ³) at follow-up, mean(SD)	1434.7(1006.2)	1787.9(1092.1)
Difference in VAT (cm ³): follow-up - baseline, mean(SD)	373.8(543.4)	402.7(537.3)
Paraspinal muscle density (HU) at baseline, mean(SD)	38.2(9.3)	33.3(9.4)
Paraspinal muscle density (HU) at follow-up, mean(SD)	40.9(9.7)	35.8(9.6)
Difference in paraspinal muscle density(HU), mean(SD)	2.6(7.0)	2.5(6.5)

19 * Measured approximately six years before initial VAT measurement

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24 **Supplemental Table 2.** Association results with paraspinal muscle density in women stratified by menopausal status for Model 3.

	Premenopausal Women				Post-menopausal Women			
	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.515	0.073	-0.658,-0.371	<0.001	-0.348	0.120	-0.585,-0.111	0.004
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.653	0.058	-0.768, -0.539	<0.001	-0.651	0.088	-0.825, -0.477	<0.001
Age at baseline, y	-0.467	0.090	-0.644, -0.289	<0.001	-0.375	0.114	-0.600, -0.151	0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.052	0.061	-0.067, 0.171	0.392	-0.007	0.093	-0.192, 0.177	0.939
Diabetes status at baseline	-6.814	3.211	-13.129, -0.499	0.035	-0.068	3.223	-6.438, 6.303	0.983
Physical Activity Index at baseline	0.016	0.066	-0.112, 0.145	0.801	-0.032	0.081	-0.193, 0.129	0.696
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.571	1.242	-3.026, 1.883	0.646

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31 **Supplemental Table 3.** Association results with paraspinal muscle density in all sample stratified by sex under various covariate
32 adjustments

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	Men				Women				p-value
	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value	Beta	SE	95% CI		
Model 0: no adjustment									
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.423	0.04	-0.502,-0.345	<0.001	-0.802	0.073	-0.946,-0.658	<0.001	
Model 1: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, and height									
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.302	0.04	-0.380,-0.225	<0.001	-0.476	0.062	-0.598,-0.355	<0.001	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.218	0.039	-0.294,-0.141	<0.001	-0.652	0.047	-0.744,-0.560	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.357	0.049	-0.453,-0.261	<0.001	-0.415	0.062	-0.537,-0.293	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	-0.024	0.045	-0.113,0.064	0.589	0.031	0.05	-0.067,0.128	0.54	
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.567	0.904	-2.343,1.209	0.531	
Model 2: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, and diabetes status									
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.302	0.04	-0.379,-0.224	<0.001	-0.478	0.062	-0.600,-0.357	<0.001	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.217	0.039	-0.293,-0.141	<0.001	-0.639	0.048	-0.732,-0.545	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.353	0.049	-0.449,-0.256	<0.001	-0.413	0.062	-0.535,-0.291	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	-0.023	0.045	-0.111,0.065	0.609	0.029	0.05	-0.069,0.127	0.558	
Diabetes status at baseline	-2.055	1.955	-5.895,1.785	0.294	-3.436	2.214	-7.787,0.914	0.121	
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.638	0.904	-2.413,1.138	0.481	
Model 3: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, and physical activity (i.e. Table 2)									
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.302	0.040	-0.380,-0.224	<0.001	-0.476	0.062	-0.598,-0.354	<0.001	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.222	0.039	-0.298,-0.146	<0.001	-0.644	0.048	-0.739,-0.550	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.356	0.049	-0.452,-0.259	<0.001	-0.420	0.062	-0.543,-0.298	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	-0.021	0.045	-0.110,0.067	0.632	0.028	0.050	-0.071,0.127	0.58	
Diabetes status at baseline	-2.003	1.952	-5.836,1.830	0.305	-3.307	2.215	-7.659,1.046	0.136	
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.075	0.033	-0.141,-0.010	0.024	0.004	0.051	-0.096,0.103	0.945	
Estrogenic Status at baseline					-0.583	0.911	-2.372,1.206	0.522	
Model 4: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and adiponectin									

VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.288	0.039	-0.364,-0.211	<0.001	-0.475	0.062	-0.596,-0.354	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.288	0.04	-0.367,-0.209	<0.001	-0.711	0.051	-0.812,-0.610	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.313	0.049	-0.409,-0.217	<0.001	-0.385	0.062	-0.507,-0.263	<0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.001	0.044	-0.086,0.088	0.99	0.054	0.05	-0.044,0.153	0.28
Diabetes status at baseline	-2.253	1.915	-6.015,1.508	0.24	-3.492	2.184	-7.783,0.799	0.111
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.061	0.033	-0.125,0.003	0.063	-0.002	0.05	-0.100,0.096	0.967
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	-0.395	0.078	-0.547,-0.242	<0.001	-0.206	0.059	-0.322,-0.090	<0.001
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.415	0.903	-2.189,1.359	0.646
Model 5: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and IL-6								
VAT difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.318	0.04	-0.396,-0.239	<0.001	-0.481	0.063	-0.605,-0.358	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.210	0.04	-0.288,-0.133	<0.001	-0.635	0.049	-0.731,-0.540	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.358	0.049	-0.454,-0.263	<0.001	-0.425	0.063	-0.549,-0.302	<0.001
Height at baseline, cm	-0.017	0.044	-0.104,0.070	0.703	0.024	0.051	-0.076,0.124	0.635
Diabetes Status at baseline	-3.250	1.993	-7.164,0.665	0.104	-3.427	2.224	-7.796,0.943	0.124
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.068	0.033	-0.133,-0.003	0.04	0.006	0.051	-0.094,0.106	0.911
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	-0.067	0.146	-0.355,0.220	0.645	-0.069	0.067	-0.199,0.062	0.304
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.795	0.924	-2.610,1.021	0.39
Model 6: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, adiponectin, and IL-6								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.303	0.039	-0.380,-0.006	<0.001	-0.473	0.062	-0.595,-0.351	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.275	0.041	-0.355,-0.195	<0.001	-0.707	0.052	-0.809,-0.605	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.318	0.048	-0.413,-0.223	<0.001	-0.387	0.063	-0.510,-0.264	<0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.006	0.044	-0.080,0.092	0.896	0.052	0.051	-0.047,0.152	0.303
Diabetes status at baseline	-3.430	1.954	-7.267,0.408	0.08	-3.550	2.19	-7.854,0.754	0.106
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.054	0.032	-0.118,0.009	0.095	-0.002	0.05	-0.100,0.097	0.975
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL*	-0.394	0.077	-0.545,-0.243	<0.001	-0.205	0.059	-0.321,-0.088	<0.001
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL*	-0.070	0.143	-0.351,0.212	0.626	-0.069	0.066	-0.198,0.060	0.295
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.535	0.912	-2.327,1.257	0.558

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37 **Supplemental Table 4.** Association results with paraspinal muscle density in women sample stratified by menopause status under
38 various covariate adjustments

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	Premenopausal Women				Post-menopausal Women			
	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value
Model 0: no adjustment								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.828	0.084	-0.994,-0.663	<0.001	-0.706	0.133	-0.969,-0.444	<0.001
Model 1: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, and height								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.526	0.073	-0.670,-0.383	<0.001	-0.354	0.117	-0.586,-0.123	0.003
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.665	0.058	-0.779,-0.551	<0.001	-0.629	0.081	-0.790,-0.469	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.468	0.09	-0.645,-0.291	<0.001	-0.376	0.113	-0.599,-0.153	0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.058	0.06	-0.060,0.175	0.333	-0.020	0.093	-0.204,0.164	0.83
Estrogenic Status at baseline					-0.414	1.227	-2.840,2.011	0.736
Model 2: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, and diabetes status								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.517	0.073	-0.660,-0.374	<0.001	-0.357	0.119	-0.592,-0.123	0.003
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.655	0.058	-0.769,-0.541	<0.001	-0.624	0.087	-0.795,-0.453	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.467	0.089	-0.643,-2.92	<0.001	-0.375	0.113	-0.599,-0.151	0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.058	0.059	-0.059,0.175	0.328	-0.021	0.093	-0.206,0.164	0.823
Diabetes Status at baseline	-6.855	3.188	-13.126,-0.585	0.032	-0.526	3.232	-6.913,5.862	0.871
Estrogenic Status at baseline					-0.427	1.234	-2.866,2.011	0.73
Model 3: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, and physical activity (i.e. Supplemental Table 2)								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.515	0.073	-0.658,-0.371	<0.001	-0.348	0.120	-0.585,-0.111	0.004
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.653	0.058	-0.768,-0.539	<0.001	-0.651	0.088	-0.825,-0.477	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	-0.467	0.09	-0.644,-0.289	<0.001	-0.375	0.114	-0.600,-0.151	0.001
Height at baseline, cm	0.052	0.061	-0.067,0.171	0.392	-0.007	0.093	-0.192,0.177	0.939
Diabetes status at baseline	-6.814	3.211	-13.129,-0.499	0.035	-0.068	3.223	-6.438,6.303	0.983
Physical Activity Index at baseline	0.016	0.066	-0.112,0.145	0.801	-0.032	0.081	-0.193,0.129	0.696

Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.571	1.242	-3.026,1.883	0.646	
Model 4: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and adiponectin									
VAT Difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.510	0.072	-0.651,-0.369	<0.001	-0.358	0.125	-0.604,-0.112	0.005	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.739	0.062	-0.860,-0.618	<0.001	-0.677	0.101	-0.877,-0.478	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.399	0.09	-0.576,-0.222	<0.001	-0.391	0.115	-0.618,-0.165	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	0.081	0.06	-0.037,0.198	0.179	-0.001	0.095	-0.189,0.186	0.989	
Diabetes Status at baseline	-7.220	3.143	-13.402,-1.037	0.022	-0.142	3.244	-6.554,6.271	0.965	
Physical Activity Index at baseline	0.003	0.064	-0.123,0.130	0.957	-0.028	0.082	-0.190,0.133	0.728	
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	-0.248	0.069	-0.385,-0.112	<0.001	-0.102	0.12	-0.339,0.134	0.393	
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.366	1.277	-2.890,2.158	0.775	
Model 5: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and IL-6									
VAT Difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.512	0.074	-0.658,-0.366	<0.001	-0.369	0.123	-0.613,-0.125	0.003	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.648	0.061	-0.768,-0.527	<0.001	-0.639	0.089	-0.816,-0.462	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.467	0.092	-0.647,-0.286	<0.001	-0.388	0.114	-0.615,-0.162	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	0.049	0.062	-0.073,0.170	0.432	-0.012	0.094	-0.197,0.173	0.898	
Diabetes status at baseline	-6.820	3.232	-13.178,-0.462	0.036	-0.315	3.239	-6.717,6.088	0.923	
Physical Activity Index at baseline	0.017	0.066	-0.113,0.148	0.793	-0.028	0.082	-0.189,0.134	0.734	
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	-0.059	0.225	-0.501,0.384	0.794	-0.064	0.071	-0.205,0.077	0.37	
Estrogenic status at baseline					-0.716	1.25	-3.187,1.756	0.568	
Model 6: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, Physical activity, Adiponectin, and IL-6									
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.509	0.073	-0.652,-0.366	<0.001	-0.354	0.125	-0.601,-0.108	0.005	
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.737	0.065	-0.864,-0.610	<0.001	-0.681	0.101	-0.881,-0.481	<0.001	
Age at baseline, yr	-0.399	0.091	-0.578,-0.220	<0.001	-0.396	0.115	-0.623,-0.169	<0.001	
Height at baseline, cm	0.079	0.061	-0.041,0.199	0.196	0.001	0.095	-0.187,0.188	0.995	
Diabetes Status at baseline	-7.221	3.161	-13.438,-1.004	0.023	-0.166	3.245	-6.581,6.250	0.959	
Physical Activity Index at baseline	0.004	0.065	-0.124,0.131	0.954	-0.029	0.082	-0.191,0.133	0.723	
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	-0.247	0.07	-0.385,-0.110	<0.001	-0.108	0.12	-0.345,0.129	0.369	
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	-0.010	0.22	-0.443,0.423	0.963	-0.067	0.071	-0.208,0.074	0.348	
Estrogenic Status at baseline					-0.465	1.282	-2.999,2.069	0.717	

41 **Supplemental Table 5.** Association results with paraspinal muscle density change in all sample stratified by sex under various
 42 covariate adjustments

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	Med				Women			
	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value
Model 0: no adjustment								
VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.062	0.033	-0.127,0.004	0.066	-0.262	0.055	-0.370,-0.154	<0.001
Model 1: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, and height								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.039	0.036	-0.109,0.032	0.279	-0.202	0.057	-0.315,-0.090	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.070	0.035	-0.139,-0.002	0.045	-0.148	0.043	-0.234,-0.063	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.03	0.044	-0.057,0.117	0.5	0.003	0.058	-0.110,0.116	0.961
Height at baseline, cm	0.008	0.041	-0.072,0.087	0.85	0.11	0.046	0.019,0.201	0.018
Estrogenic status at baseline					0.97	0.839	-0.679,2.618	0.248
Model 2: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, and diabetes status								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.039	0.036	-0.109,0.032	0.279	-0.202	0.057	-0.315,-0.089	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.071	0.035	-0.140,-0.002	0.045	-0.149	0.044	-0.236,-0.062	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.029	0.044	-0.058,0.117	0.508	0.003	0.058	-0.111,0.116	0.962
Height at baseline, cm	0.008	0.041	-0.072,0.087	0.853	0.11	0.046	0.019,0.201	0.018
Diabetes status at baseline	0.19	1.767	-3.281,3.661	0.914	0.119	2.06	-3.929,4.167	0.954
Estrogenic status at baseline					0.972	0.841	-0.680,2.624	0.248
Model 3: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, and physical activity								
VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.040	0.036	-0.110,0.031	0.267	-0.198	0.058	-0.312,-0.084	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.073	0.035	-0.142,-0.004	0.039	-0.154	0.045	-0.242,-0.066	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.028	0.044	-0.059,0.115	0.531	0	0.058	-0.114,0.115	0.994
Height at baseline, cm	0.008	0.041	-0.072,0.088	0.838	0.111	0.047	0.019,0.204	0.019
Diabetes status at baseline	0.205	1.767	-3.265,3.675	0.908	0.175	2.069	-3.889,4.239	0.933
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.038	0.03	-0.097,0.021	0.205	-0.005	0.047	-0.098,0.088	0.919
Estrogenic status at baseline					0.949	0.850	-0.722,2.62	0.265
Model 4: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and adiponectin								

VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.041	0.036	-0.112,0.03	0.253	-0.203	0.058	-0.318,-0.088	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.066	0.037	-0.140,0.007	0.074	-0.171	0.049	-0.267,-0.075	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.024	0.045	-0.065,0.112	0.6	0.014	0.059	-0.102,0.129	0.818
Height at baseline, cm	0.006	0.041	-0.074,0.087	0.877	0.121	0.047	0.028,0.214	0.011
Diabetes status at baseline	0.229	1.77	-3.247,3.705	0.897	0.078	2.066	-3.982,4.138	0.97
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.040	0.03	-0.099,0.02	0.192	-0.009	0.047	-0.102,0.084	0.851
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	0.037	0.072	-0.105,0.178	0.61	-0.060	0.056	-0.170,0.049	0.28
Estrogenic status at baseline					0.986	0.854	-0.693,2.664	0.249

Model 5: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, and IL-6

VAT difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.045	0.037	-0.118,0.027	0.217	-0.207	0.059	-0.323,-0.092	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.064	0.036	-0.136,0.007	0.078	-0.147	0.045	-0.236,-0.058	0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.026	0.045	-0.062,0.114	0.559	0.005	0.059	-0.110,0.12	0.933
Height at baseline, cm	0.01	0.041	-0.071,0.09	0.813	0.113	0.047	0.019,0.206	0.018
Diabetes status at baseline	-0.363	1.834	-3.964,3.238	0.843	0.125	2.07	-3.943,4.192	0.952
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.036	0.03	-0.095,0.024	0.239	-0.003	0.047	-0.096,0.091	0.957
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	-0.040	0.135	-0.304,0.224	0.767	0.032	0.062	-0.090,0.154	0.606
Estrogenic status at baseline					0.958	0.86	-0.732,2.648	0.266

Model 6: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, physical activity, adiponectin, and IL-6

VAT difference, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.047	0.037	-0.119,0.026	0.204	-0.207	0.059	-0.323,-0.092	<0.001
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.058	0.038	-0.133,0.018	0.133	-0.170	0.049	-0.265,-0.074	<0.001
Age at baseline, yr	0.022	0.045	-0.067,0.112	0.626	0.019	0.059	-0.097,0.136	0.743
Height at baseline, cm	0.007	0.041	-0.074,0.088	0.858	0.125	0.048	0.031,0.218	0.009
Diabetes status at baseline	-0.345	1.835	-3.949,3.259	0.851	0.085	2.066	-3.976,4.145	0.967
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.037	0.03	-0.097,0.023	0.223	-0.007	0.047	-0.100,0.086	0.883
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL*	0.04	0.072	-0.102,0.182	0.578	-0.061	0.056	-0.171,0.048	0.273
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL*	-0.040	0.135	-0.304,0.225	0.769	0.032	0.062	-0.089,0.154	0.602
Estrogenic status at baseline					1.064	0.86	-0.627,2.754	0.217

44 * Measured approximately six years before initial VAT measurement

46 **Supplemental Table 6.** Association results with paraspinal muscle density change in women sample stratified by menopause status
 47 under various covariate adjustments

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	Premenopausal Women				Post-menopausal Women			
	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value	Beta	SE	95% CI	p-value
Model 0: no adjustment								
VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.315	0.066	-0.445,-0.184	<0.001	-0.136	0.098	-0.329,0.057	0.166
Model 1: adjusting for baselin VAT, age, and height								
VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.237	0.069	-0.373,-0.102	<0.001	-0.095	0.1	-0.293,0.103	0.345
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.177	0.055	-0.284,-0.069	0.001	-0.133	0.069	-0.271,0.004	0.057
Age at baseline, yr	-0.136	0.085	-0.303,0.031	0.111	0.024	0.097	-0.167,0.214	0.807
Height at baseline, cm	0.07	0.056	-0.040,0.181	0.212	0.197	0.08	0.040,0.355	0.014
Estrogenic Status at baseline					3.061	1.051	0.985,5.137	0.004
Model 2: adjusting for baselin VAT, age, height, and diabetes status								
VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.239	0.069	-0.375,-0.103	<0.001	-0.100	0.102	-0.301,0.1	0.324
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.179	0.055	-0.287,-0.071	0.001	-0.124	0.074	-0.270,0.022	0.096
Age at baseline, yr	-0.136	0.085	-0.303,0.031	0.111	0.026	0.097	-0.166,0.217	0.793
Height at baseline, cm	0.07	0.056	-0.041,0.181	0.213	0.196	0.08	0.038,0.354	0.016
Diabetes Status at baseline	1.546	3.031	-4.415,7.507	0.61	-1.028	2.765	-6.494,4.437	0.711
Estrogenic Status at baseline					3.036	1.056	0.950,5.123	0.005
Model 3: adjusting for baselin VAT, age, height, diabetes status, and Physical activity								
VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.238	0.070	-0.375,-0.101	<0.001	-0.086	0.104	-0.291,0.119	0.408
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.180	0.056	-0.290,-0.071	0.001	-0.137	0.076	-0.288,0.013	0.073
Age at baseline, yr	-0.139	0.086	-0.308,0.03	0.107	0.033	0.098	-0.161,0.227	0.738
Height at baseline, cm	0.067	0.058	-0.046,0.181	0.245	0.204	0.081	0.044,0.363	0.013
Diabetes Status at baseline	1.477	3.055	-4.530,7.485	0.629	-0.823	2.786	-6.330,4.685	0.768
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.016	0.062	-0.138,0.107	0.804	-0.004	0.070	-0.143,0.135	0.957
Estrogenic Status at baseline					2.894	1.073	0.773,5.016	0.008
Model 4: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, Physical activity, and Adiponectin								

VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.238	0.07	-0.375,-0.101	<0.001	-0.103	0.108	-0.316,0.111	0.343
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.214	0.06	-0.332,-0.097	<0.001	-0.128	0.088	-0.301,0.045	0.146
Age at baseline, yr	-0.106	0.087	-0.277,0.066	0.227	0.027	0.099	-0.170,0.223	0.79
Height at baseline, cm	0.08	0.058	-0.034,0.194	0.168	0.199	0.082	0.037,0.362	0.017
Diabetes Status at baseline	1.293	3.047	-4.700,7.285	0.672	-0.977	2.814	-6.539,4.586	0.729
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.024	0.062	-0.147,0.098	0.697	-0.001	0.071	-0.141,0.14	0.993
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	-0.103	0.067	-0.236,0.029	0.125	0	0.104	-0.205,0.205	>0.999
Estrogenic Status at baseline					2.868	1.107	0.678,5.057	0.011

Model 5: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, Physical activity, and IL-6

VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.243	0.07	-0.381,-0.105	<0.001	-0.104	0.107	-0.316,0.107	0.332
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.176	0.058	-0.290,-0.062	0.003	-0.127	0.078	-0.280,0.026	0.104
Age at baseline, yr	-0.130	0.087	-0.300,0.041	0.135	0.029	0.099	-0.167,0.225	0.774
Height at baseline, cm	0.07	0.058	-0.045,0.185	0.233	0.199	0.081	0.038,0.359	0.016
Diabetes Status at baseline	1.488	3.058	-4.527,7.503	0.627	-0.961	2.807	-6.510,4.588	0.733
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.015	0.063	-0.138,0.108	0.812	0	0.071	-0.140,0.14	0.995
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	0.035	0.213	-0.384,0.453	0.87	0.034	0.062	-0.088,0.155	0.587
Estrogenic Status at baseline					2.923	1.083	0.781,5.065	0.008

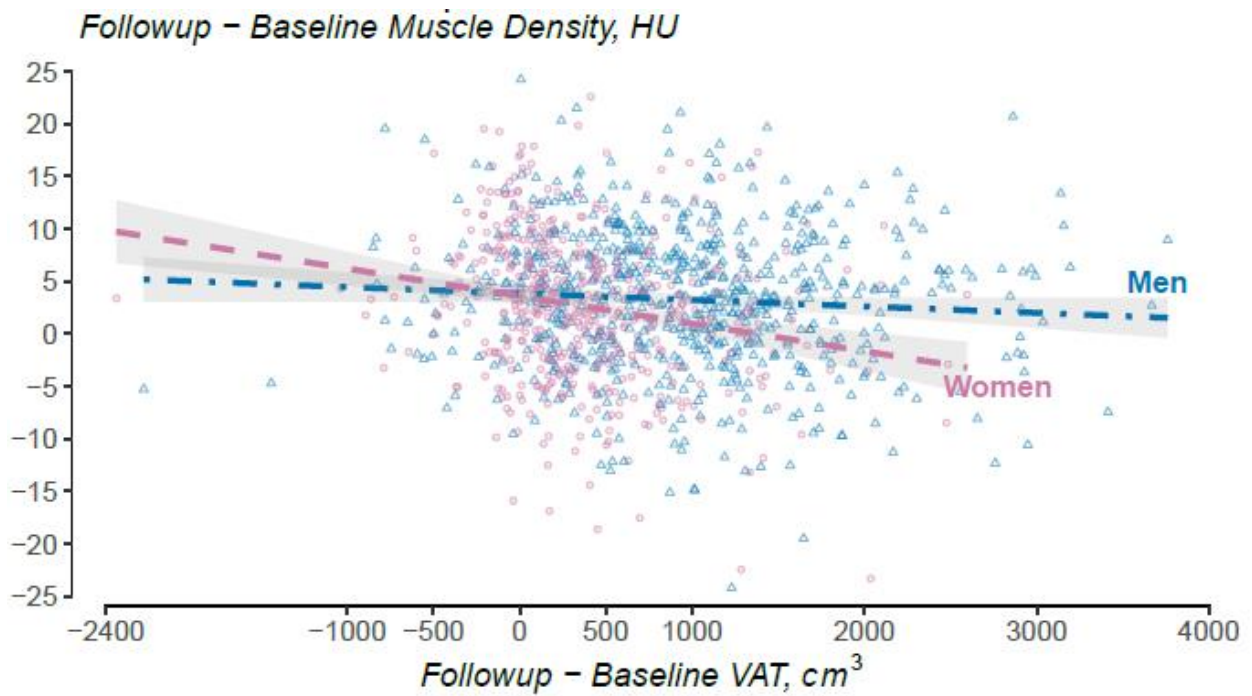
Model 6: adjusting for baseline VAT, age, height, diabetes status, Physical activity, Adiponectin, and IL-6

VAT Difference, scaled by 100cm ³	-0.243	0.07	-0.381,-0.106	<0.001	-0.105	0.108	-0.319,0.11	0.336
VAT at baseline, scaled by 100 cm ³	-0.215	0.062	-0.337,-0.092	<0.001	-0.126	0.088	-0.300,0.048	0.153
Age at baseline, yr	-0.098	0.088	-0.270,0.075	0.266	0.029	0.1	-0.168,0.226	0.774
Height at baseline, cm	0.085	0.059	-0.030,0.201	0.147	0.198	0.082	0.035,0.361	0.017
Diabetes Status at baseline	1.307	3.048	-4.688,7.302	0.668	-0.965	2.821	-6.541,4.612	0.733
Physical Activity Index at baseline	-0.022	0.063	-0.146,0.101	0.72	0	0.071	-0.141,0.14	0.995
Adiponectin at baseline, µg/mL	-0.106	0.067	-0.239,0.026	0.116	0.003	0.104	-0.203,0.209	0.979
Interleukin-6 at baseline, pg/mL	0.058	0.212	-0.360,0.475	0.785	0.034	0.062	-0.089,0.156	0.588
Estrogenic Status at baseline					2.917	1.114	0.714,5.119	0.01

50 **Figures**

51 **Supplemental Figure 1.** Relationship between six-year changes in VAT and six-year change in
52 paraspinal muscle density (HU) in men and women. The dashed line in pink represents the
53 association in women and the dash-dotted line in blue represents the association in men. Blue
54 and pink dots represent data points from men and women sample, respectively.

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